

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department – Health Care-Associated Infections – Constitution of Committees for Hospital Infection Control Committees – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

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From the Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Hyderabad
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ORDER:

It is brought to the Government that the Health Care-Associated Infections or infections acquired in health-care settings are the most frequent adverse events in the health-care delivery System. Effective Implementation of hospital infection control programme will reduce the hospital stay, morbidity, disability, anti-microbial resistance and also reduce massive additional financial burden on health systems. There is every health care facility needs to develop an infection control programme to reduce Health Care-Associated Infections (HAI) and also to ensure the well being of both patients and staff especially in the scenario of emergence of life-threatening infections.

2. The Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Hyderabad in the reference read above, stated that as per the "Swachta" guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI disseminated to all the Public Health Facilities and GOI has also instituted monetary award "KAYAKALP" to award the clean hospitals. It is a mandatory pre-requisite to constitute hospital infection control committees.

3. The Government after careful examination of the matter hereby constitute the following committees with terms of references.

I) Hospital Infection Control Committee (HICC):

An Infection control committee provides a forum for multidisciplinary input and it is responsible for planning, implementation and resource allocation of all matters relating to Infection Prevention and Control. The committee shall be constituted with the following members as follows:

- i. Head of the Institution - Chairman.
- ii. Infection Control Officer preferably microbiologist - Member-Secretary.
- iii. CSRMO/Senior Medical administrative staff.
- iv. Physician In-charge of Infectious diseases.
- v. Nursing Superintendent.
- vi. Infection Control Nurse (ICN).
- vii. Head of the Departments /Representatives from the major specialities.
- viii. Representatives from Pharmacy, central sterile supply, maintenance, house-keeping, training services, engineering /design, etc.

Terms of Reference:

- i) To develop Infection control policies and environmental management practices.
- ii) To ensure adherence to standard infection control precautions (SICPs).
- iii) To review and approve the annual plan prepared by the Infection control team.
- iv) To review epidemiological surveillance data and identify areas for intervention.
- v) To ensure capacity building for infection prevention, control and safety.
- vi) Prepare standard operating procedures for the various departments.
- vii) To review infectious risks associated with new technologies/ equipment.

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II) Hospital Infection control team (HICT):

The Role of the HICT is to implement the annual programme and policies, and provide infection control advice on a 24-hour basis. Team shall meet once in a month and as often as required. Hospital Infection Control Team shall be constituted with the following members as follows:

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| i) | Head of the institution | Chairperson |
| ii) | Head of the Department - Microbiology | Member -Secretary |
| iii) | CSRMO/ Senior Medical administrative staff | |
| iv) | Infection Control Officer (ICO) | |
| v) | Infection control Nurse (ICN) | |
| vi) | Nodal Officer for Hospital waste management | |

Terms of Reference (TOR):

- i. To prepare an action plan for implementation of the Infection Prevention & Control program with approval from the Infection Control Committee.
- ii. Manage standard health care equipment to minimise the risk of HAI transmission through effective sterilization and disinfection process.
- iii. Investigate outbreaks of infection, and carry out targeted surveillance.
- iv. To ensure availability of supplies and equipment needed for IP & C related activities.
- v. Advise the hospital authorities on matters related to the proper use of antibiotics and develop antibiotic policies
- vi. Develop standard operating procedures for cleanliness of the hospital and waste management.
- vii. Monitor hospital staff carriers. Advise staff on all aspects of infection control.
- viii. Assess training needs of the staff and provide required training through awareness programmes
- ix. Shall meet once in a month and as often as required.

III) Infection Control Officer (ICO):

Infection control officer is usually a Microbiologist/ an epidemiologist/ an infectious diseases physician.

Terms of Reference (TOR):

- i. Prepare guidelines for infection control practices.
- ii. Provide data regarding organism isolated and prepare antibiogram every quarter.
- iii. Provide trends of HAI to the different patient care units.
- iv. Investigate the outbreak, if any
- v. Train the staff in control of hospital infection.
- vi. Conduct regular HICC meetings.

IV) Infection Control Nurse (ICN):

ICN is a registered nurse with an academic education and practical training this enables him or her to act as a specialist advisor in all aspects relating to IP&C.

Terms of Reference (TOR):

- i. Liaison with the HICC and patient care Units.
- ii. Conducts Infection control rounds and maintains the registers.
- iii. Manages standard health care equipment and safe management of linen.
- iv. Manages blood and other body fluid spillages.
- v. Ensuring occupational safety of the health care workers.
- vi. Ensuring the clean and safe hospital environment.
- vii. Ensuring effective outbreak management.
- viii. Ensuring reporting of incidents and near misses to prevent/ minimize the impact of risk.
- ix. Participates in training and education programs related to IP & C.

- V) **Infection Control Link Nurse (ICLN):** The infection control link nurses have special responsibility for maintaining good IP & C practices and education within their departments.

Terms of Reference (TOR):

- i. Is the "Link" between the Infection Control Nurse and the patient care units.
- ii. Maintains a safe and adequate supply of ward equipment, drugs and patient care supplies related to IP & C.
- iii. Creates awareness among patients and visitors about infection control.

- VI) **Bio- medical waste management committee:** A separate sub-committee shall be constituted to manage the bio medical Waste with the following members:

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| i. Head of the institution | Chairperson |
| ii. Civil surgeon RMO /Senior Medical administrative Staff | Member- secretary |
| iii. All the heads of the Departments | Members |
| iv. Nursing superintendent/ Senior most nursing staff | Member |
| v. Representative from CBWTF | Member |
| vi. Person in-charge of Sanitation agency | Member |

Terms of Reference (TOR):

- i. Ensure proper segregation, transport and disposal of BMW as per rules.
- ii. Facilitate recycling measures, establishment and functioning of Sewage Treatment Plants wherever necessary.
- iii. Committee shall meet every month and resolve the issues and submit the requirements to the higher authorities.

1. **Infection Control manual** : A health care-associated infection control and prevention manual containing Hospital specific Instructions and practices for patient care shall be developed and updated by the infection control team and approved by the committee.

4. The Director of Medical Education, Telangana, Hyderabad /Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Hyderabad /Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Telangana, Hyderabad /Commissioner, AYUSH, Telangana, Hyderabad and all Hospital Superintendents under DME, all Hospital Superintendents under TVVP, all Hospital Superintendents under DPH & FW and all Hospital Superintendents under AYUSH shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To
The Director of Medical Education, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Hyderabad
The Commissioner, AYUSH, Telangana, Hyderabad.
The Managing Director, TSMSIDC, Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All DM&HOs & DCHs in the State.
OSD to Minister (M&H).
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